

(4) are they given complete rest any day in the week;

(5) is there any library attached to the Central Jail for use of the convicts; and if so, how many books are there in

(a) Malayalam;

(b) English;

(6) are any Newspapers and Periodicals supplied to the convicts?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—

(1) (a) 32.

(b) 158. (Males 154 and 4 females).

(c) (i) 1.

(ii) 5. (Males 4 and 1 female).

(d) 1.

(2) (a) 17.

(b) 95.

(c) (i) Nil. (ii) 1.

(d) Nil.

(b) (a) Nil.

(b) 3.

(c) (i) Nil. (ii) 2.

(d) Nil.

(3) The prisoners under (a) and (b) are made to work 7 hours a day.

(4) All the prisoners except those who are required for daily routine work are given complete rest on all Sundays.

(5) There is a small Library attached to the Jail and there are

(a) 292 Malayalam books.

(b) 1 English book.

(6) Newspapers are not supplied but there are two Periodicals.

Committees appointed for reforming the educational system of the State.

225. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how much the several committees appointed and inquiries made, during recent years for reforming the educational system in our State, have cost the Government;

(b) how many of these recommendations were given effect to so far?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) and (b) It is not possible to answer the question as the period for which the information is required is not specified.

Mr. A. V. Moothedra.—The answer has not satisfied me. You could have answered the question with a little far sight. What I meant was the Survey Committee and the S. K. Committee. These are the two committees in the public eye now. You can have given some idea about them.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The S. K. Committee had spent about two thousand and odd rupees and the other less than a thousand. I cannot say precisely.

Grant bills of the grant-in-aid Schools.

226. Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the dates on which grant bills of grant-in-aid schools should be submitted as per rules in force in the last academic year;

(b) the number of instances where the above rules have been strictly adhered to;

(c) the number of instances where submission of bills have been delayed;

and (d) the extent of delay in each of such cases in (c) above?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Primary Schools are allowed to send their grant bills at the end of the month, and Secondary schools at the end of the quarter. There is no time-limit for their acceptance.

(b), (c) and (d). These do not arise in view of the answer furnished to sub-division (a).

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Do all the Primary schools send their grant bills very much farther from the end of the month?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Some do in instances where teachers have not been paid. In such stray cases where the teachers refuse to sign their acquittances the bills are delayed.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—May I know why the Government insists on the teachers' signing their acquittance before the bills are submitted?